

ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, KOLAR.
Kept at the undermentioned District head-quarters for the fortnight ending 31st January 1899.

HEAD-QUARTERS.	Thermometer. <i>Averages for the half month.</i>						Thermometer.		Rain.		Wind.
	9-30 A. M.			3-30 P. M.			Maximum.	Minimum.	Inches.	Cents.	
	Dry bulb.	Wet bulb.	Difference.	Dry bulb.	Wet bulb.	Difference.					
Kolar	63.5			70							
Hassan*											
Chitaldrug*											
Chikmagalur*											
Shimoga*											
Tumkur*											
Mysore*											

* Information not received from these stations.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

Notification, dated 8th February 1899.

No. 5. Tenders are invited for the exclusive right of the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking, in the Province of Coorg for 3 years, *viz.*, from the 1st April 1899 to 31st March 1902. The tenders for the above must be made subject to the following conditions:—

1. A deposit of Rs. 100 must accompany the tender. The covers should be superscribed with the words,

"Tenders for the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking," and must be sent to the Commissioner of Coorg on or before 12 noon, on Monday the 20th March 1899, after which no tender will be received.

2. The tenders shall specify the amount which the parties tendering undertake to pay to Government annually as rent for the exclusive privilege of sale of the said articles. The rent will be payable quarterly, in advance, that is, on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January of each year.

3. The tenders will be opened by the Commissioner, or in his absence, by one of the Assistant Commissioners at Mercara at noon, on Tuesday the 21st March 1899, in the presence of those applicants who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders, will, however, rest with the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason. The deposits made by the applicants whose tenders are rejected will be returned to them.

4. The applicant whose tender may be accepted by the Chief Commissioner shall be required to deposit within 3 days a further sum in cash, or currency notes, or Government Promissory notes to make up together with the deposits previously made, a sum equal to half of the annual payment or rent guaranteed, such deposit being eventually credited towards the instalments due for the half year, ending with 31st March 1902, and further, he shall, within 10 days of the acceptance of his tender by the Chief Commissioner, execute an agreement in the prescribed form on stamp paper, binding himself to conform to the rules prescribed under the Opium Act I of 1878, and shall give security for the due fulfilment of the engagement entered into by him, and if he fails to do so, the deposits already made shall be forfeited to Government and the contract shall be otherwise disposed of.

5. In the event of the contractor failing to pay up any instalment on the date on which it falls due, the Commissioner of Coorg shall be at liberty at once to cancel the contract, and to confiscate the deposit, the lease being re-sold at the contractor's risk.

6. The number of shops to be opened for sale of the articles aforesaid in Coorg is restricted to three, *viz.*, one at Mercara (Mahadeopett), one at Virajendrapett and one at Somvarpett.

7. No other shops than those specified in paragraph 7 above, shall be opened except under the special sanction of the Commissioner.

8. The persons appointed by the contractor to vend by retail at the several shops above enumerated must be furnished by him with licenses approved and countersigned by the Commissioner of Coorg according to the forms prescribed by law.

9. All opium required for vend must be procured through the Commissioner of Coorg on payment of the price fixed by the Chief Commissioner, and on the expiry of the contract the incoming contractor shall be bound to take over, if so required by the Commissioner, any opium, preparations or admixtures of opium and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking that may remain unexpended belonging to the former contractor to the extent of 2 months' supply at such price and in such quantities as the Commissioner shall adjudge.

10. Further particulars may be ascertained on application to the Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

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MYSORE GOVERNMENT METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Means of Meteorological Observations for January 1899.

	BANGALORE.	MYSORE.	HASSAN.	CHITALDRUG.
Height of Observatory above Sea Level.	3021 ft.	2518 ft.	3091 ft.	2405 ft.
Barometer (red. to 32° F.)	26.978	27.457	26.907	27.561
Temperatures in shade :—				
Daily mean dry	67.6	69.6	65.8	70.8
Daily max. do	80.3	82.8	80.5	83.0
Daily min. do	55.9	57.3	51.8	59.4
Daily mean wet	58.4	59.6	56.6	58.7
Daily minimum wet	54.2	54.5	50.6	53.6
Temperatures of Radiation :—				
Daily max. Solar Heat in Vacuo	142.5
Daily min. Temp. on Grass...	51.0
Rainfall.—Total in inches	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind Direction (daily mean)	E	E B N	E	S E B E
Velocity (miles per day)	167	214	58	130
Clear Sky : Daily percentage	77	61	67	75
Bright Sunshine : Hours Daily	9.6

Dated 13th February 1899.

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Director of Meteorology in Mysore.